

# Stationary Measures of Three-State Quantum Walks with Defect on the One-Dimension Lattice

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## Abstract

In this paper, we focus on the space-inhomogeneous three-state on the one-dimension lattice, a one-phase model and a two-phase model include. By using the transfer matrices method by Endo *et al.*, we calculate the stationary measure for initial state concrete eigenvalue. Finally we found the transfer matrices method is more effective for the three-state quantum walks than the method obtained by Kawai *et al.*

## Keywords

Three-State Quantum Walks, Stationary Measure, One-Phase, Two-Phase, Transfer Matrices

## 1. Introduction

There is an abundance of research on discrete-time quantum walks since 1993 [1] [2] [3]. Then quantum walks as a quantum mechanical attract large number of scholars [4] [5] [6]. For instance, the two-phase quantum walks are related to the research of topological insulator [7] [8], and one-defect quantum walks are applied to quantum search algorithms [9] [10].

Recently, the asymptotic behaviors of the quantum walks have received much attention [11] [12]. Konno gave the uniform measure as a stationary measure of the one-dimensional discrete-time quantum walks [13]. Endo *et al.*, solve the eigenvalue problem and present a stationary measure by using SGF method [14]. Then Wang *et al.*, obtain the stationary measures of three-state Wojcik walk by adopting SGF method [15]. Shortly afterwards, Kawai *et al.* raised Reduced matrix method [16]. Lately, Endo *et al.* got the transfer matrices and solve the eigenvalue [17]. In this paper, we will use this method to further derive one-phase

and two-phase model of space-inhomogeneous three-state quantum walks.

## 2. Three-State Discrete-Time Quantum Walks

In this section, we give the definition of three-state quantum walk on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers. The discrete-time quantum walk on  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined by a unitary matrix;

$$U_x = \begin{bmatrix} a_x & b_x & c_x \\ d_x & e_x & f_x \\ g_x & h_x & i_x \end{bmatrix} \tag{2.1}$$

We let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of nonnegative integers, and  $\Psi_n(x) = (\Psi_n^L(x), \Psi_n^O(x), \Psi_n^R(x))^T$  be the amplitude of the wave function corresponding to the chiralities “L”, “O”, and “R” at position  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and time  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Obviously, for each position  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the matrix  $U_x$  can be divided into three parts.

$$U_x = U_x^L + U_x^O + U_x^R \tag{2.2}$$

Through these matrix, we can define time evolution of a quantum walk in the following way:

$$\Psi_{n+1}(x) \equiv U_{x+1}^L \Psi_n(x+1) + U_x^O \Psi_n(x) + U_{x-1}^R \Psi_n(x-1) \tag{2.3}$$

Then let

$$\Psi_n = (\dots, \Psi_n(-1), \Psi_n(0), \Psi_n(1))^T, \tag{2.4}$$

$$U^{(s)} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots \\ \dots & U_{-2}^O & U_{-1}^L & O & O & O & \dots \\ \dots & U_{-2}^R & U_{-1}^O & U_0^L & O & O & \dots \\ \dots & O & U_{-1}^R & U_0^O & U_1^L & O & \dots \\ \dots & O & O & U_0^R & U_1^R & U_2^L & \dots \\ \dots & O & O & O & U_1^R & U_2^O & \dots \\ \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the state at time n can be expressed as

$$\Psi_n = (U^{(s)})^n \Psi_0, n \geq 0 \tag{2.5}$$

where  $\Psi_0$  is the initial state.

**Definition 2.1.** The one-phase model of space-inhomogeneous three-state quantum walk is defined on the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers, which is characterized by a chirality-state space  $\{|L\rangle, |O\rangle, |R\rangle\}$  and a position space  $\{|x\rangle : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , and the chiralities “L”, “R” and “O” express the left, right and neutral state for the motion of the walker. Its time evolution is determined by the following  $3 \times 3$  unitary matrices

$$U_x = \frac{e^{i\theta_x}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, x \in \mathbb{Z} \tag{2.6}$$

where

$$\theta_x = \begin{cases} 0, & x = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \\ 2\pi\tau, & x = 0, \end{cases}$$

with  $\tau \in (0, 1)$ , which  $\theta_x$  shows the phase  $2\pi\tau$  of the walk.

Then

$$U_x^L = \frac{e^{i\theta_x}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_x^O = \frac{e^{i\theta_x}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_x^R = \frac{e^{i\theta_x}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** The two-phase model of space-inhomogeneous three-state quantum walk is defined on the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers, which is characterized by a chirality-state space  $\{|L\rangle, |O\rangle, |R\rangle\}$  and a position space  $\{|x\rangle : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Its time evolution is determined by the following unitary matrices

$$U_x = \begin{cases} U_+, & x \geq 1, \\ U_0, & x = 0, \\ U_-, & x \leq -1, \end{cases} \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$U_{\pm} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+g_{\pm}}{2} & \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-g_{\pm}}{2} \\ \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} & g_{\pm} & \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1-g_{\pm}}{2} & \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1+g_{\pm}}{2} \end{bmatrix}, U_0 = \frac{\xi}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2.8}$$

where  $g_{\pm} = \cos \gamma_{\pm}, \hbar_{\pm} = \sin \gamma_{\pm}, \gamma_{\pm} \in [0, 2\pi), \xi = e^{2\pi i \tau}, \tau \in (0, 1)$ . Then

$$U_x^L = \begin{cases} U_{x_+}^L, & x \geq 1, \\ U_x^L, & x = 0, \\ U_{x_-}^L, & x \leq -1, \end{cases} U_x^O = \begin{cases} U_{x_+}^O, & x \geq 1, \\ U_0^O, & x = 0, \\ U_{x_-}^O, & x \leq -1, \end{cases} U_x^R = \begin{cases} U_{x_+}^R, & x \geq 1, \\ U_0^R, & x = 0, \\ U_{x_-}^R, & x \leq -1, \end{cases} \tag{2.9}$$

$$U_{x_+}^L = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+g_+}{2} & \frac{\hbar_+}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-g_+}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_{x_+}^O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\hbar_+}{\sqrt{2}} & g_+ & \frac{\hbar_+}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_{x_+}^R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1-g_+}{2} & \frac{\hbar_+}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1+g_+}{2} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2.10}$$

$$U_{x_-}^L = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+g_-}{2} & \frac{\hbar_-}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-g_-}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_{x_-}^O = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\hbar_-}{\sqrt{2}} & g_- & \frac{\hbar_-}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_{x_-}^R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1-g_-}{2} & \frac{\hbar_-}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1+g_-}{2} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2.11}$$

$$U_0 = \frac{\xi}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_0 = \frac{\xi}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, U_0 = \frac{\xi}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2.12}$$

### 3. Stationary Measure

In the present section, we first recall some fundamental notions and facts about

stationary measure. Firstly, we introduced a mapping  $\phi: (\mathbb{C}^3)^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$\phi(x) = (\dots, \|\Psi(-1)\|^2, \|\Psi(0)\|^2, \|\Psi(1)\|^2, \dots)^T \in \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathbb{Z}},$$

where  $\mathbb{C}$  is the set of complex number and  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  and  $\Psi = (\dots, \Psi(-1), \Psi(0), \Psi(1), \dots)^T \in (\mathbb{C}^3)^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . For every  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we note that

$$\phi(\Psi)(x) = \|\Psi(x)\|^2, \Psi \in (\mathbb{C}^3)^{\mathbb{Z}}. \tag{3.1}$$

Then, the function  $x \rightarrow \phi(\Psi)(x)$  gives a measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $\mu(\cdot) = \phi(\Psi)(\cdot)$  for  $\Psi$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let

$$\mathcal{M}_s = \left\{ \phi(\Psi_0) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} : \text{there exists } \Psi_0 \text{ such that} \right. \\ \left. \phi\left(\left(U^{(s)}\right)^n \Psi_0\right) = \phi(\Psi_0) \text{ for any } n \geq 0 \right\} \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\mathbf{0}$  is the zero vector. We call the element of  $\mathcal{M}_s$  the stationary measure of quantum walk. If  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_s$ , then  $\mu_n = \mu$ , where  $\mu_n(x) = \phi(\Psi_n(x))$  is the measure of the quantum walk at position  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and at time  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Next we consider the eigenvalue problem:

$$U^{(s)}\Psi = \lambda\Psi, (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, |\lambda|=1) \tag{3.3}$$

### 4. Main Results and Proofs

In this section, we obtain the stationary measure of the three-state quantum walk with one defect by following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1.** [17] Let  $\{U_y\}_{y \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be the set of y-parameterized unitary matrices of the three-state inhomogeneous quantum walk, and

$\Psi(x) = [\Psi^L(x), \Psi^O(x), \Psi^R(x)]^T$  be the probability amplitude. Note that there is a restriction for the initial state  $\Psi(0)$  [18] Then the solutions for  $U^{(s)}\Psi = \lambda\Psi (\Psi \in \text{Map}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{C}^3), \lambda \in S^1)$ , where  $S^1 = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda|=1\}$ , are

$$\Psi_x = \begin{cases} \prod_{y=1}^x T_y^{(+)} \Psi(0), & x \geq 1, \\ \Psi(0), & x = 0, \\ \prod_{y=-1}^x T_y^{(-)} \Psi(0), & x \leq -1, \end{cases} \tag{4.1}$$

where  $T_y^{(\pm)}$  are the transfer matrices defined by

$$T_y^{(+)} = \begin{bmatrix} t_{11}^+ & t_{12}^+ & t_{13}^+ \\ t_{21}^+ & t_{22}^+ & t_{23}^+ \\ t_{31}^+ & t_{32}^+ & t_{33}^+ \end{bmatrix}, T_y^{(-)} = \begin{bmatrix} t_{11}^- & t_{12}^- & t_{13}^- \\ t_{21}^- & t_{22}^- & t_{23}^- \\ t_{31}^- & t_{32}^- & t_{33}^- \end{bmatrix}, \tag{4.2}$$

with

$$t_{11}^+ = \frac{(\lambda - e_y)(\lambda^2 - g_{y-1}c_y) - g_{y-1}b_y f_y}{\lambda[a_y(\lambda - e_y) + b_y d_y]}, t_{12}^+ = -\frac{h_{y-1}[b_y f_y + c_y(\lambda - e_y)]}{\lambda[a_y(\lambda - e_y) + b_y d_y]}$$

$$t_{13}^+ = -\frac{i_{y-1} [b_y f_y + c_y (\lambda - e_y)]}{\lambda [a_y (\lambda - e_y) + b_y d_y]}, t_{21}^+ = \frac{\lambda^2 d_y + g_{y-1} (a_y f_y - c_y d_y)}{\lambda [a_y (\lambda - e_y) + b_y d_y]}$$

$$t_{22}^+ = \frac{h_{y-1} (a_y f_y - c_y d_y)}{\lambda [a_y (\lambda - e_y) + b_y d_y]}, t_{23}^+ = \frac{i_{y-1} (a_y f_y - c_y d_y)}{\lambda [a_y (\lambda - e_y) + b_y d_y]}$$

$$t_{31}^+ = \frac{g_{y-1}}{\lambda}, t_{32}^+ = \frac{h_{y-1}}{\lambda}, t_{33}^+ = \frac{i_{y-1}}{\lambda},$$

and

$$t_{11}^- = \frac{a_{y+1}}{\lambda}, t_{12}^- = \frac{b_{y+1}}{\lambda}, t_{13}^- = \frac{c_{y+1}}{\lambda},$$

$$t_{21}^{(-)} = -\frac{a_{y+1} (f_y - g_y - i_y d_y)}{\lambda [h_y f_y + i_y (\lambda - e_y)]}, t_{22}^{(-)} = -\frac{b_{y+1} (f_y - g_y - i_y d_y)}{\lambda [h_y f_y + i_y (\lambda - e_y)]},$$

$$t_{23}^{(-)} = \frac{\lambda^2 f_y - c_{y+1} (f_y - g_y - i_y d_y)}{\lambda [h_y f_y + i_y (\lambda - e_y)]}, t_{31}^{(-)} = -\frac{a_{y+1} [h_y d_y + g_y (\lambda - e_y)]}{\lambda [h_y f_y + i_y (\lambda - e_y)]},$$

$$t_{32}^{(-)} = -\frac{b_{y+1} [h_y d_y + g_y (\lambda - e_y)]}{\lambda [h_y f_y + i_y (\lambda - e_y)]}, t_{33}^{(-)} = -\frac{(\lambda - e_y) (\lambda^2 - g_y c_{y+1}) - h_y c_{y+1} d_y}{\lambda [h_y f_y + i_y (\lambda - e_y)]}.$$

We now state the stationary measure of one-phase model with one defect.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\Psi_n(x) = (\Psi_n(x)^L, \Psi_n(x)^O, \Psi_n(x)^R)$  be the wave function of probability amplitude, and  $\Psi_0^L = \alpha, \Psi_0^O = \beta, \Psi_0^R = \gamma$  be the initial state. We take  $\alpha = -\gamma, \beta = 0$  and  $\lambda = -1$ . Then through the definition (2.1)

$$U_x = \frac{e^{i\theta_x}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

where

$$\theta_x = \begin{cases} 0, & x = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \\ 2\pi\tau, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

We obtain the stationary measure

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} (4 - 2\Re \xi) |\alpha|^2, & x = \pm 1, \\ 2|\alpha|^2, & \text{others.} \end{cases} \tag{4.3}$$

*Proof.* Put  $\alpha = \Psi^L(0), \beta = \Psi^O(0)$  and  $\gamma = \Psi^R(0)$ . Now we take  $\alpha = -\gamma, \beta = 0$  and  $\lambda = -1$ , then the solutions for  $U^{(s)}\Psi = \lambda\Psi$  are

$$\Psi_x = \begin{cases} \prod_{y=1}^x T_y^{(+)} \Psi(0), & x \geq 1, \\ \Psi(0), & x = 0, \\ \prod_{y=-1}^x T_y^{(-)} \Psi(0), & x \leq -1, \end{cases}$$

where  $T_y^\pm$  are

$$T_1^{(+)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2\xi}{3} - 1 & \frac{2\xi}{3} & -\frac{\xi}{3} \\ -\frac{2\xi}{3} & -\frac{2\xi}{3} & \frac{\xi}{3} \end{bmatrix}, T_1^{(-)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\xi}{3} & -\frac{2\xi}{3} & -\frac{2\xi}{3} \\ -\frac{\xi}{3} & \frac{2\xi}{3} & \frac{2\xi}{3} - 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_y^{(+)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}, T_y^{(-)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} & -\frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} (|y| \geq 2).$$

Then through the formula (4.1), we can obtain

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & |x| \neq 1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ (\xi - 1)\alpha \\ -\xi\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & x = 1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \xi\alpha \\ (1 - \xi)\alpha \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & x = -1. \end{cases} \tag{4.4}$$

Therefore the corresponding stationary measure is given by

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} (4 - 2\Re\xi)|\alpha|^2, & x = \pm 1, \\ 2|\alpha|^2, & \text{others.} \end{cases}$$

□

Next we state the stationary measure of two-phase model by transfer matrices method.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\Psi_n(x) = (\Psi_n(x)^L, \Psi_n(x)^O, \Psi_n(x)^R)$  be the wave function of probability amplitude, and  $\Psi_0^L = \alpha, \Psi_0^O = \beta, \Psi_0^R = \gamma$  be the initial state. We take  $\alpha = -\gamma, \beta = 0$  and  $\lambda = -1$ . Then through the definition (2.2)

$$U_x = \begin{cases} U_+, & x \geq 1, \\ U_0, & x = 0, \\ U_-, & x \leq -1, \end{cases}$$

where

$$U_{\pm} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1+g_{\pm}}{2} & \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-g_{\pm}}{2} \\ \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} & g_{\pm} & \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1-g_{\pm}}{2} & \frac{\hbar_{\pm}}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1+g_{\pm}}{2} \end{bmatrix}, U_0 = \frac{\xi}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $g_{\pm} = \cos \gamma_{\pm}, \hbar_{\pm} = \sin \gamma_{\pm}, \gamma_{\pm} \in [0, 2\pi), \xi = e^{2\pi i \tau}, \tau \in (0, 1)$ . Then the station-

nary measure is

$$\mu(x) = (2 + \Delta)|\alpha|^2 \tag{4.5}$$

where

$$\Delta = \begin{cases} \frac{\hbar_-^2}{2}, & x < -1, \\ \frac{\hbar_-^2(1 - \Re \xi)}{(1 + g_-)^2}, & x = -1, \\ 0, & x = 0, \\ \frac{\hbar_+^2(1 - \Re \xi)}{(1 + g_+)^2}, & x = 1, \\ \frac{\hbar_+^2}{2}, & x > 1 \end{cases} \tag{4.6}$$

*Proof.* Put  $\alpha = \Psi^L(0)$ ,  $\beta = \Psi^O(0)$  and  $\gamma = \Psi^R(0)$ . Now we take  $\alpha = -\gamma$ ,  $\beta = 0$  and  $\lambda = -1$ , then the solutions for  $U^{(s)}\Psi = \lambda\Psi$  are

$$\Psi_x = \begin{cases} \prod_{y=1}^x T_y^{(+)}\Psi(0), & x \geq 1, \\ \Psi(0), & x = 0, \\ \prod_{y=-1}^x T_y^{(-)}\Psi(0), & x \leq -1, \end{cases}$$

where  $T_y^\pm$  are

$$T_1^{(+)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\hbar_+(3-2\xi)}{3\sqrt{2}(1+g_+)} & \frac{2\hbar_+\xi}{3\sqrt{2}(1+g_+)} & -\frac{\hbar_+\xi}{3\sqrt{2}(1+g_+)} \\ -\frac{2\xi}{3} & -\frac{2\xi}{3} & \frac{\xi}{3} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$T_1^{(-)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\xi}{3} & -\frac{2\xi}{3} & -\frac{2\xi}{3} \\ -\frac{\hbar_-\xi}{3\sqrt{2}(1+g_-)} & \frac{2\hbar_-\xi}{3\sqrt{2}(1+g_-)} & -\frac{\hbar_-(3-2\xi)}{3\sqrt{2}(1+g_-)} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$T_y^{(+)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\hbar_+}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-g_+}{2} & -\frac{\hbar_+}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1-g_+}{2} & -\frac{\hbar_+}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1+g_+}{2} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$T_y^{(-)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1+g_-}{2} & -\frac{\hbar_-}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1-g_-}{2} \\ \frac{\hbar_-}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1-g_-}{2} & -\frac{\hbar_-}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (|y| \geq 2).$$

Then through the formula (4.1), we can obtain

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \frac{\hbar_-}{\sqrt{2}}\alpha \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & x < -1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \xi\alpha \\ \frac{\hbar_-(1-\xi)}{\sqrt{2}(1+g_-)}\alpha \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & x = -1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & x = 0, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \frac{\hbar_+}{\sqrt{2}(1+g_+)}\alpha \\ -\xi\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & x = 1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \frac{\hbar_+}{\sqrt{2}}\alpha \\ -\alpha \end{bmatrix}, & x > 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore we obtain the stationary measure

$$\mu(x) = (2 + \Delta)|\alpha|^2$$

where

$$\Delta = \begin{cases} \frac{\hbar_-^2}{2}, & x < 1, \\ \frac{\hbar_-^2(1-\Re\xi)}{(1+g_-)^2}, & x = -1, \\ 0, & x = 0, \\ \frac{\hbar_+^2(1-\Re\xi)}{(1+g_+)^2}, & x = 1, \\ \frac{\hbar_+^2}{2}, & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

□

### 5. Summary

In this paper, we derive the stationary measure of three-state walks with one dimension via transfer matrices. As a future work, we would investigate spectral theory and localization of three-state quantum walks.

### Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.



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